

Property Value Is Increased

Year	Property Valuation	Polls	Taxes
1843	\$134,157	155	\$1,163
1860	434,230	194	3,635
1880	709,000	268	10,643
1938	1,925,425	343	

Old Wagon Shop Now Body Works

About the year 1900, James Hamilton opened a wagon shop in the building that had formerly housed the shoe factory. Later, he took a partner, Frank Jenkins, and the firm came to be known as Hamilton and Jenkins. After a few years, this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Jenkins operated the establishment alone again for a time until his son, Ralph, began assisting him. As the use of automobile trucks increased, the making and repairing of wagons gradually had less demand and this firm came to manufacture truck bodies and is now known as the Daleville Body Works.

The establishment is now operated by Barnard and Hoppes.

Shoe Factory

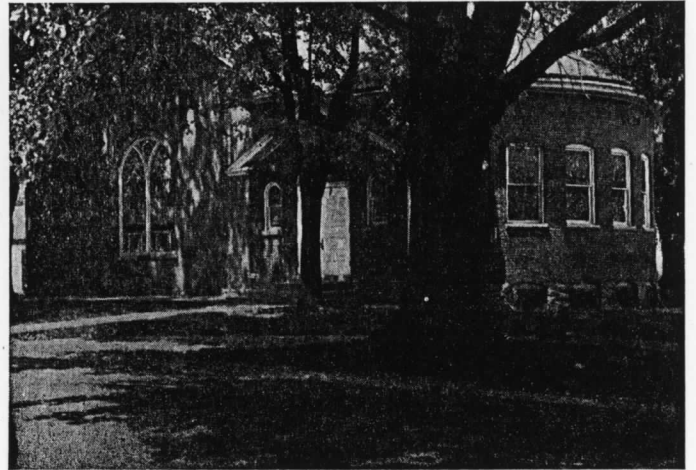
In the year 1894, came William Stoddard from Washington Court House, Ohio, to Daleville, in the interests of a shoe factory. A bonus had been offered by the people of Daleville to entice this industry into their town and a new building which now houses the Daleville Body Works, was erected at that time. This establishment specialized in ladies' shoes. Mr. Elias Nelson, now a member of our school faculty, learned the McKay shoe sewing trade during the time this industry operated, although its stay in Daleville was short.

In 1895 the establishment was removed to Rochester, Indiana, and the building remained empty until it was occupied by a wagon shop.

Window Shade Factory

Older residents of Daleville remember a window shade factory which operated for a short time on the site now occupied by the home of James Fetrow. The name of the head of the firm was Longnecker.

Daleville Christian Church Founders Were Our Struggling Salem Pioneers



In order to really conceive the significance of the history of the Daleville Christian Church, it is well to mention certain pioneer preachers.

These pioneer preachers were men of staunch faith and bravely faced the rugged conditions of Indiana in the early 1830's, not only in the interest of acquiring homes, but also in the interest of spreading the Gospel message in the New World. Tribute is paid to Elders Samuel Rogers, Elijah Martindale, Samuel K. Hoshour, and Benjamin, Daniel, Joseph, Jr., and David Franklin.

Martindale and Rogers

In 1830 Elder Martindale made a preaching visitation in Madison and Delaware Counties and later in 1835 he visited in Middletown, Indiana, where he held a meeting in the house of William Stewart. Elder Martindale met with success in these early ventures and especially among the Middletown folks. Elder Samuel Rogers was living in the Middletown section on Fall Creek, having moved there in 1833. He opened a school and also started a preaching service.

Franklin Family

One of the first families to be interested in Elder Rogers was that of Joseph Franklin, Sr. Six boys of this family were students in the new school, and later in one of the meetings sponsored by their school teacher, Benjamin and Daniel Franklin were converted. Joseph Franklin, Jr., and David Franklin were converted later. All four brothers gave much time to preaching, and Benjamin Franklin became especially famous.

Itinerant Preachers

The Franklins preached in the small centers in Delaware County and Salem township. In 1840 Benjamin Franklin accompanied Elder Martindale over Delaware and Madison Counties starting churches. These men were instrumental in sowing the seed that brought the church now known as the Daleville Christian Church.

Samuel K. Hoshour

Recollections of the descendants of the charter families all testify

that these charter members were baptized by the Franklins, or one of the other pioneer preachers. Samuel K. Hoshour supplanted the work of his brothers in the faith and preached in the Daleville vicinity, where he was a frequent guest in the Shoemaker homes.

Church Organized In Barn

Having these specific influential foundation stones laid by such strong men there was brought into being an organized class in Salem township. In 1845 a group of interested people gathered in the barn of Major John Hupp (now the McWilliams farm, 2 miles east of Daleville) to form the first church. Families of John Quick, John Hupp, Jonas Shoemaker, John Shoemaker, James Stewart and Mahala Murphy were charter members.

Reorganization

In those early days the way of this new church was not smooth. It was not long until this group joined with the Deer Creek or Middletown Church. However, in 1853 the group was reorganized and met in the Old Brick School House (Center) three miles east of Daleville. Prior to the time when the school was used, they met in the neighboring barns and homes. In the summer, meetings were held in the open.

Charter members of the organization of 1853 include James and Drusilla Stewart; Jonas and Jane Shoemaker; John and Mariah Shoemaker; Jacob and Elizabeth Richman; John and Catherine Hupp; Henry and Leanna Richman; Alvin and Arminta Makepeace; Mary Saunders and William A. and Maria Shoemaker.

Move to Daleville

For twelve of fifteen years the congregation met in the old school house. In 1860 the interest of the group was turned to the growing town of Daleville, to where they soon arranged to move after obtaining permission from the United Brethren folks of Daleville to use their church at stated intervals.

First Church Home

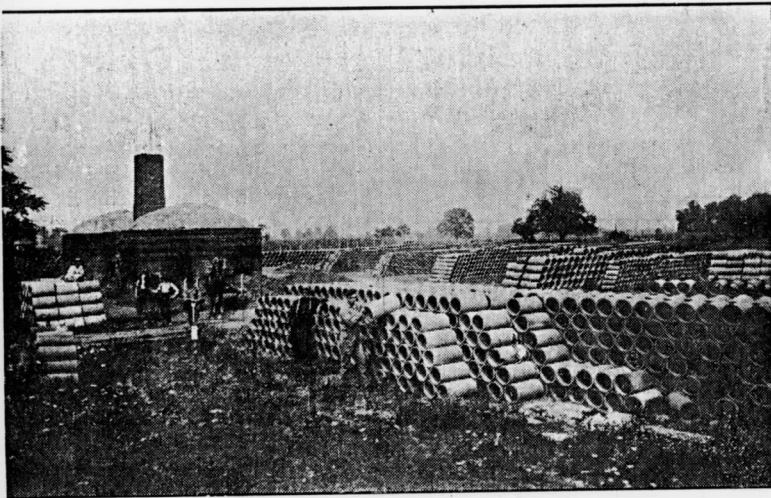
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The above picture will perhaps revive fond memories for some people. It is the old four-room brick school house that at one time occupied the site of our present school building. Note the stately belfry and the attractive portico. The slab over the portico bears the building date, 1891—District 5—D. A. Funkhouser, Trustee. Mr. Funkhouser was the grandfather of the present principal.

Daleville Tile Factory—1886

PICTURE TAKEN ABOUT 1902



The mill and drying shed is farther to the left and is not shown here. The men in the foreground are Clem Potts (holding tile) and B. F. Lifter (the owner). In the background is Billy Downes, Dick Knight, Claude Lifter and George Laboyteaux. No doubt, many of the tile shown in this yard are a part of the vast underground drainage system of Daleville and Salem Township. In the early days natural gas was used as fuel for burning the tile. In 1897 one of the kilns was blown to pieces by an explosion that shook the whole town. One man was killed and others injured.

In 1886 Benjamin F. Lifter came to Daleville and established a tile factory. This factory operated for a period of nearly thirty years on what is now the Owen Biddle place. The plant stood near the middle of the Biddle property.

The clay from which the tile was made was dug from the nearby fields and hauled to the mills in one-horse dump carts.

The mill operated only during the summer months as it was difficult to dig and to handle the clay in the winter time.

This friendly old mill site was not entirely a means of monetary gain, but had various other activ-

ities as well.

Here around the wintry fires which were kept burning day and night would come many weary way-farers to find rest and welcome, and would often be provided with food and clothing to further their comfort.

For the younger lads, it supplied a place for their recreational activities, too. There was the pond for swimming, skating and fishing which was made when the dirt was dug out for tile-making.

Here many a boy learned to skate and swim. The old drying sheds made a fine club room where young Americans could go to build air castles for the future.

Train Ride To Chesterfield An All-Day Event

Berryman Hurley recalls hearing his mother tell of the first passenger train on the Big Four railroad, which ran from Indianapolis to Chesterfield in 1851. The passenger car consisted of a flat car with boards put cross-ways for seats. Among some of the passengers were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Trimble, Squire Heath and Mr. and Mrs. John Hurley. The train ran to Indianapolis and back to Chesterfield without the passengers getting off. The trip took the entire day. The next year the road was built through to Bellfontaine, and was financed by Mr. Alvin Makepeace. **Recalls Excursion**

One local passenger at that time was Mr. Cary Fenwick, the father of Mr. Polk Fenwick and Mrs.

L. Laird as carrier. When the route was started it was about 20 miles in length and now it is 63.6 miles.

S. C. Rinker; the latter recalls a large celebration Daleville had 70 years ago which was in the nature of a large barbecue. It was held on the banks of White River near the spot where Mr. James Yates' residence now stands. An excursion ran up from Indianapolis, carrying large crowds, the train remained here until four o'clock in the evening to take them back

Parasol Fails

One person recalls hearing a passenger tell of the pretty new taffeta dress she wore as she took this first train ride. She also carried a fine red parasol and as the return trip was being made, rain began to fall. She was so pleased that she had taken her new red parasol and quickly raised it for protection from the rain. But alas! that was before the day of fast colors and the red parasol intended for shade and not shelter faded and its pretty red coloring mingled with the little streams of water down over the owner's face and the beautiful new taffeta dress.